

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 717 - SB 1896**

March 5, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the label of bottled water sold in this state to indicate whether fluoride has been added, or that the water is not for human consumption. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000/One-Time  
\$35,800/Recurring**

**Increase Local Revenue - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant**

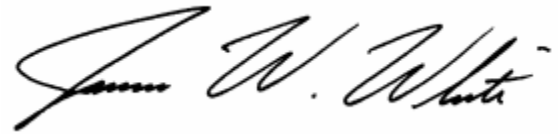
Assumptions:

- A violation of the Tennessee Consumer Rights Protection Act of 1977 is punishable by civil penalties, private rights of action, and as a Class C misdemeanor.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.
- The Department of Agriculture will need an additional part-time position to test the bottled water. The recurring increase to state expenditures is estimated at \$30,788 (\$25,008 salary + \$5,000 travel for sample testing + \$780 testing supplies).
- The Department of Agriculture will purchase specialized laboratory equipment for a one-time increase in state expenditures estimated at \$50,000. The recurring state expenditure for the maintenance of the specialized equipment is estimated at \$5,000.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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